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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize Larra B. Overton, a senior at New Albany High School, selected as an Indiana winner for the 2000 Wendy's High School Heisman Award and one of the twelve finalists.

Whereas, Larra is one of 102 State Award Winners nationwide. The National Awards Program recognizes high school men and women who demonstrate a commitment to academic achievement, community service, and athletic accomplishments. The National Awards Program was created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City;

Whereas, approximately 23,000 high schools were asked to nominate two student-citizen-athletes - one female, one male - from each school to participate in the award competition;

Whereas, as one of the twelve finalists in the nation, Larra traveled to New York City, where she attended a banquet and received a gold medal;

Whereas, Larra has maintained a 3.9 grade point average on a 4.0 scale throughout her high school career;

Whereas, Larra has participated in cross country all four years at New Albany High School;

Whereas, Larra has been active in several student organizations including serving as Student Council President, National Honor

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Society, three year Class President, Editor in Chief of the yearbook and Managing Editor of the school newspaper. In addition Larra has served as an HOBY Ambassador and a Hoosier Girl's State Delegate.

Whereas, Larra has given to her community by serving food at local soup kitchens through her church, participating in toy drives for underprivileged children, and through the Student Council Service Committee helping raise money for the Indianapolis Children's Hospital; and

Whereas, Larra hopes to pursue a career in broadcast journalism as well as continuing to participate in cross country at the collegiate level: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Senate of the Indiana General Assembly recognizes and commends Larra B. Overton for her academic achievement, community service, and athletic accomplishments and wishes Larra continued success in the future.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the following people: Larra B. Overton; Mother and Step-father, Sandra and Jeffrey Flatt; Father, Larry Overton; and the Principal of New Albany High School, Steve Sipes.

